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Editor and Publisher

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The Spirit of the Age prints its last issue today. "The Elm Tree Monthly and Spirit of the Age" expects to meet its friends on the first of October.

The report of the commission appointed by Governor Fletcher to investigate Vermont's telephone service shows an amazing grasp of the details of a big business, and it was accomplished in a surprisingly short time. The report is sweeping and condemnatory. The answer of the New England company's counsel is quite as explicit, and the public should reserve its opinion until more information is available.

The special village meeting adopted most of the proposals in the warning and now has several brand-new by-laws to enforce. The matter of automobile speeding will be something of a problem and the action of the board of trustees is awaited with much interest. The sanitary condition of the village will be improved if the new by-laws relating to public health are enforced impartially and thoroughly. The lot of the board of trustees is made no easier, but the public expects these unsalaried officials to do their duty faithfully and unflinchingly under all circumstances.

Hay and Eggs.

The Burlington Free Press is examining the new Democratic tariff bill with hostile eyes, and noting its possible effect on the Vermont producer.

There are good things but fewer bad ones in the proposed law which the Democrats are putting through congress, and it will at least eliminate some of the absurd and arbitrary features of the old law that has burdened the people in the name of protection.

One or two items mentioned by the Free Press are of interest:

"Hay now paying a duty of \$4 per ton can be imported from Canada under a Democratic tariff for \$2 per ton."

Let the hay come in. "This is a bad year for hay in Vermont and we believe that the importation of this staple commodity at that rate will not be viewed by the majority of agriculturists, cattle and horse owners as an affliction. On the contrary, there is much more alarm and concern over twenty-dollar hay, which will be about the 'going price' unless conditions are changed before next winter."

Again the Free Press notes: "Eggs now paying a duty of five cents per dozen will be imported free under the Democratic tariff."

Let the good American hens note President Wilson's vacation address and get after him! The Cornish egg-layers haven't stopped cackling since the egg schedule was reached, and if eggs are less than fifty cents a dozen next February the summer capital will topple to destruction before another season.

As to the passing of The Age in its present form The Standard has nothing but regrets. As competitors centrally located within the same field, the relations between The Standard and The Age have invariably been cordial, even when opposed upon matters of discussion.

In the new field upon which the Elm Tree Press is entering with its magazine there is much material for the making of an attractive and valuable publication, and there is good reason to believe that under the handling of the Elm Tree Press management this material will be treated with discriminating taste and good judgment.—Vermont Standard.

The announcement by its publisher and editor, Edward C. Dana, that with the issue of July 26, the Woodstock Spirit of the Age will be discontinued, is learned with deepest regret by the Vermont Press, for it is a paper of individuality and has the courage of its convictions and Vermont's great need today is a paper and a man of that type.

The Spirit of the Age is 73 years old, having been founded by Charles G. Eastman. It is Mr. Dana's present plan to publish a monthly with at least 16 pages. The name of the new venture will be "The Elm Tree Monthly and Spirit of the Age" and thus the name of the old time weekly will not become obsolete. The Landmark extends to the new proposed publication and its owner

its best wishes.—The Landmark, White River Junction.

For seventy-three years the Spirit of the Age has been issued regularly every week at Woodstock. It has always been a paper worth reading. It is no longer a weekly newspaper but has been merged into a semi-literary monthly devoted to Woodstock and Vermont. There was not room for two good papers in that town and the Standard will fill the bill completely so the change appears to be for the better for town, papers and the State. But we shall miss the Spirit of the Age.—Morrisville Messenger.

A new tombstone will be erected in the Vermont journalistic cemetery July 26, recording the demise of the Spirit of the Age of Woodstock in its 73d year. Edward C. Dana, the editor and publisher, also conducts the Elm Tree Press, and finds that it will be to his advantage to restrict the newspaper work and devote more attention to the other part of his business. He will, however, found a new publication, the Elm Tree Monthly. The Spirit of the Age has been a small paper in a limited field, but it has had a distant individuality under the management of Mr. Dana and newspapermen generally will learn with regret that its publication is to be suspended.—Brattleboro Reformer.

GOOD ROADS PAY.

Land Increase in Actual Value After Road Improvement.

The direct effect that changing bad roads into good roads has upon land value and the general economic welfare of a community is shown in several concrete illustrations gathered by the United States department of agriculture. The department has just issued a statement on the subject, based upon a mass of information gathered by the office of public roads, which is making a special study of the economic effect of road improvement in the country.

According to data gathered, where good roads replace bad ones, the value of farm lands bordering on the roads increase to such an extent that the cost of road improvement is equalized, if not exceeded. The general land values, as well as farm values, show marked advances, following the improvement of roads.

Among the illustrations cited by the department are the following: In Lee county, Va., a farmer owned 100 acres between Ben Hur and Jonesville, which he offered to sell for \$1800. In 1908 this road was improved, and, although the farmer fought the improvement, he has since received \$3000 for his farm. Along the same road a tract of 188 acres was supposed to have been sold for \$6000. The purchaser refused the contract, however, and the owner threatened to sue him. After the road improvement and without any improvement upon the land, the same farm was sold to the original purchaser for \$9000. In Jackson county, Ala., the people voted a bond issue of \$250,000 for road improvement and improved 24 per cent of the roads. The census of 1900 gives the value of all farm lands in Jackson county at \$490 per acre. The selling value at that time was from \$6 to \$15 per acre. This census of 1910 places the value of all farm lands in Jackson county at \$979 per acre, and the selling price is now from \$15 to \$25 per acre. Actual figures of increased value following road improvement are shown.

VERMONT STATE FAIR.

At White River Junction Sept. 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Preparations for the annual Vermont State Fair, to be held at White River Junction, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 16, 17, 18, and 19, are well under way and Secretary Fred L. Davis gives notice that the event will surpass all previous endeavors.

It will interest lovers of trotting to know that this early a much larger number of entries has been made in every class than in any past year and that they continue to come in in every mail. Secretary Davis anticipates that the trotting features will be one of the strong features of the fair. He states that no fair in New England will have as many entries in the trotting classes as the Vermont State Fair.

HARTLAND HILL.

Rose Gassett, who has been visiting at Henry Hanson's, has returned to her home in Barre.

Wendell Cheever has returned from a visit in Barre.

A R. Fisk and wife are occupying the Wilson house in Woodstock. They expect to start Aug. 7 on a horseback trip through Yellowstone Park.

HARTLAND.

Mrs. Asa Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Martin, William Martin, Verne Brannock and Esther Royce spent July 20 at Lake Rescue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Underwood left July 18 for a two weeks' camping trip at Stratton.

Mrs. Charles Colquhoun, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Norman Moore, for the past two months, returned to her home in California July 24.

Mrs. H. A. Walker is the guest this week of her brother, Hon. A. L. Chamberlain, and sister, Mrs. Harvey DeWitt, in Lebanon.

Miss Florence M. Sturtevant of Hartford, Conn., is boarding at Miss Lucy F. Perkins' for the summer.

Misses Ruth Lobdell and Carrie Headle joined a party of girls from North Hartland July 23 and are camping at Lake Morey.

TAFTSVILLE.

Miss Young of Manchester, N. H., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. P. Olmstead.

Mrs. Hawley and Miss Hawley of Brattleboro are at the Taft home-stead.

D. G. Spaulding is showing new potatoes of impressive size considering the season.

The first and second degrees were conferred on a class of two at the meeting of Ottaquechee Grange Saturday evening.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Una, aged two years, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Benedict, was the victim of an unusual accident Saturday afternoon. A board from the silo blown off by the wind struck her while she was at play, cutting a gash above the eye. Drs. F. T. and C. W. Kidder attended her.

The Ladies' Social Circle will meet in their parlors Thursday afternoon, July 31. Subject, "Music." Mrs. Maria F. Perry, hostess.

BANKING BY MAIL.

Latest Development in the Postal Savings System.

"Banking by mail" is the latest innovation entered into by the government in connection with the postal savings system.

Hereafter deposits may be made by mail and withdrawals likewise effected through the same agency. When the postal savings system was first put in operation postmasters were forbidden to permit deposits by such persons as were not patrons of the postoffice in which they sought to be enlisted.

This was found to work a hardship on a certain class of would-be depositors, and Postmaster General Burleson accordingly abrogated the rule. Postmasters throughout the country now are being advised of the change.

Summer Forestry School.

The state forester announces that the third annual summer school of forestry and horticulture will be held at the Dwyer state forest in Sharon from August 19 to 28, inclusive.

This school is held by the state forester in co-operation with the University of Vermont. It is open to men and boys over 16 years of age, and its purpose is to give those who control lands in Vermont a better understanding of the principles of fruit growing and forest management.

The plan of this short course is to give those attending the maximum of field work and the minimum of lectures. At the beginning of each forenoon and afternoon there will be one lecture, and the remainder of the period will be devoted to illustrating the lecture in the field. Botany will be taught, as usual, by Prof. G. P. Burns, and Horticulture by Prof. M. B. Cummings, both of the University of Vermont; and Forestry by the State Forester and Mr. B. A. Chandler.

Students will sleep in tents which are provided by the State; and may board with the Superintendent of the Forest for \$7 for the whole period. There is only one charge, aside from that for transportation. Students should bring their own blankets, towels, soap, note-book, pencils, etc. Application for admission should be made to the State Forester, Burlington, Vermont, before August 10.

There will be a field day for parents and friends to visit the school on Saturday, August 23.

The browntail moth has reached Lyndonville, several of the worms having been found in a dooryard at Lyndon Center, also some of the cocoons.

Boys and Girls Save Your Nickels

There is nothing that contributes more to health, happiness and long life than thrift.

Having this in mind, the Hyde Park Savings Bank has adopted ideas and methods with reference to promoting thrift in the mind of the Vermont boy—and the Vermont girl as well—which are regarded by some bankers as contrary to the rules of good banking.

In other words, the Hyde Park Savings Bank will receive deposits of any size, however small, because it believes that in so doing it is encouraging the boy and girl to become thrifty. Starting a bank account with a nickel or dime involves an absolute loss to the bank accepting so small a deposit, unless other deposits are made later on. But banks, although their managers do not always realize it, are incorporated for the public good, and so the Hyde Park Bank, realizing its duty to the general public, says to the boy or girl who is willing to begin saving, "Come on with your deposits, however small, the bank will take its chances on your becoming a larger banker later on."

Very few boys and girls realize the wonderful power of compound interest. The Hyde Park Bank pays four per cent, and compounds semi-annually and pays all taxes, and at this rate a boy commencing at ten years of age to save a dime a day, and continuing to save that sum, will have

At the age of 20 years	\$ 445.64
" " 30 "	1,107.84
" " 40 "	2,091.84
" " 50 "	3,554.01
" " 60 "	5,726.72
" " 70 "	8,955.26
" " 80 "	13,720.95

Which is the better, to spend this dime per day for cigarettes, beer, or other worse than useless things and late in life be a candidate for the poorhouse, or to save it and be independent? The poet Burns expresses his idea of independence in the following lines addressed to a young friend. They may be well be committed to memory by every boy and girl:

"To catch dame Fortune's golden smile,
Assiduous wait upon her;
And gather gear by ev'ry wile
That's justified by honor;
Not for to hide it in a hedge,
Nor for a train-attendant;
But for the glorious privilege
Of being independent."

Remember the Hyde Park Bank is conducted along strictest lines of safety and in its twenty-four years of existence has been so painstaking and conservative that it has never lost a dollar by a poor note.

Its managers are all Vermonters whom you know—men who never speculate or deal with Wall Street in any way.

It is perfectly safe to send your money to the Hyde Park Bank by Postal or Express Money Order, Registered Letter or Check. In its twenty-four years of business not a dollar has ever been lost by any depositors sending his money to the Hyde Park Savings Bank.

Start a bank account today and become a banker. Your bank pass-book will be returned to you by first mail, and every courtesy and convenience which a bank can extend to its depositors, consistent with good banking, will be always cheerfully extended.

We have something in the way of a self-registering bank. Let us send you a leaflet describing it. Write for it.

Write for any particulars about which you desire information, addressing the President, CARROLL S. PAGE, or the Treasurer, F. M. COLVER, Hyde Park, Vt.

Cardenio F. King, once, widely known as a financier and newspaper publisher of Boston, died a convict at the State Farm at Bridgewater, Mass. Monday afternoon at the very hour friends, aware of his approaching death, were making desperate efforts to obtain his pardon.

The Elm Tree Monthly and Spirit of the Age

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A Magazine of Local, County and State interest. It will have 16 pages, printed on good paper, handsome type, and Illustrations will be a feature. Notes of Woodstock; News of the Granges, Y. M. C. A., and other activities will be covered in regular departments.

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THE ELM TREE PRESS
Woodstock Vermont

MAKES PESTS WORK

Ship Cook Tells Mosquito Story of San Blas Coast.

Double-Headed Dutchman Relates How Natives by Their Ingenuity Were Able to Load Vessel With Cocoanuts Quickly.

New York.—The cook of the British schooner Carib II, which was at the foot of West Twenty-fourth street, while in port, said that he was a "double-headed Dutchman." When questioned as to the meaning of this phrase the cook explained that a "double-headed Dutchman" was a sailor man hailing from Amsterdam, Holland. It is necessary to come from Amsterdam in order to be addressed by the above name. A man who came from Rotterdam, the cook said, would not be a "double-headed Dutchman," nor could the native of any other city but Amsterdam use this title.

The Carib II is a white, three-masted schooner owned in Colon, and arrived with a cargo of cocoanuts from the San Blas coast. There were 390,476 cocoanuts in the schooner's hold when she arrived, according to the cook, whose name is Gerrit Galland, a truthful man, fifty years old, who has been cook on many ships since he was put to sea from Amsterdam 35 years ago. He has not been back there since.

He remarked that it was necessary to anchor about three miles off the beach when loading cocoanuts on the San Blas coast. He was asked how the cargo was got on board.

"Mosquitoes bring it out," replied Gerrit without the semblance of a smile. "The mosquitoes on the San Blas coast are so large and smart that the natives use them to help out in various ways."

"As soon as we anchored off the coast one fine morning we heard a sound like a brass band. We thought it was a native celebration after election or something like that, but soon the sky darkened and the ship was quickly showered by thousands of cocoanuts. It was the mosquito fleet bringing out our cargo and the noise we heard was their loud humming."

"We were very much frightened at first and ran below, but a native soon arrived in his canoe and explained matters. He said that another fleet would be along pretty soon and that we must be careful not to be struck by the cocoanuts as they fell. The native said that efforts were being made to train the mosquitoes to deposit the cocoanuts in the holds of the vessel, but he did not expect this could be accomplished without a good deal of additional training."

"There was a good deal of satisfaction among the chiefs, the native said, over the new use that the mosquitoes had been put to. Before they were so admirably trained the cocoanuts had to be transported from shore in lighters and canoes to the waiting ships."

Gerrit Galland concluded his tale by saying that the Carib II received her cargo on her visit to San Blas quicker than she had ever got one before.

POSIES SNARE B. & O. TRAINS

It's Something Awful the Way Flowers Grow in Gravel on the Romney Branch.

Romney, W. Va.—Luther Burbank has been outdone on the Romney branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Several weeks ago many broken floor boards in a car loaded with morning glory, nasturtium and sweet pea seeds allowed the seed to scatter along the railroad tracks and right of way for 25 miles.

The heavy rains of last week and the sun brought up the flowers in such profusion that the tracks are covered to a depth of three feet with vines running in a riot of color.

Bridges have been transformed into floral bowers, and the small train on the branch no longer can make her schedule. On the heavy grade at Springfield entangling vines caused the train to stall, and the passengers, baggage and 71 packages of whisky, had to be unloaded to relieve the train of weight before it could proceed.

One morning when Engineer G. W. Light took his train out nasturtiums bloomed all over the tender, putting out the fire.

Night and day shifts of trackmen are fighting the flowers from Green Springs to Romney.

The Green Springs station is buried under flowers, and the roundhouse at Romney is covered. Nasturtiums and morning glories are sprouting in engine tenders and the running boards have been transformed into flower boxes, with the vines threatening to choke the boiler lagging. The road and rolling stock is overwhelmed with flowers.

Orders have been sent to greenhouses for consignments of cutworms.

Find \$2,000 Pearl. Long Branch, N. J.—A pearl, appraised by experts to be worth \$2,000, was found in a clam by a stranger to whom Captain Charles Casler, a fisherman, had sold a few at the wharf here. The stranger proceeded to open and eat them when he discovered the precious gem.

Dies at Age of 108. Bryan, O.—Mrs. Elizabeth Maugherman, who died here at the age of 108, was the mother of 17 children. She was an inveterate smoker.

To Form Church Union.

The first movement for church union in St. Johnsbury has been made by the North Congregational church, the largest Protestant body there. The church at a special meeting passed a resolution favoring a union with the South Congregational church. A copy of the resolution has been sent the South church but no action has been taken yet. The pastor of the South church, the Rev. Paul Dwight Moody, is attending a conference in England and the matter will no doubt be left until his return. The North church will soon be without a pastor, as the Rev. G. W. Hill goes September 1 to New Britain, Conn., to take charge of the Old South church.

Mrs. Mary Basevitch, of West Rutland, was fined \$2 and costs of \$7.83 because she threw a bag of eggs at Mrs. Joseph Stalkus, the contents spattering the latter and her baby.

The Ottaquechee Savings Bank Woodstock, Vermont

INCORPORATED 1847

DEPOSITS JULY 1, 1913 \$2,191,671.00
SURPLUS 184,876.22
TOTAL ASSETS \$2,376,547.22

TRUSTEES

F. S. Mackenzie William S. Hewitt
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This bank is now paying 4 per cent. interest on deposits.

Deposits made during the first ten days of January and July draw interest from the first of these months. Deposits made during the first five days of other months draw interest from the first of the month.

Interest will be credited to depositors January 1 and July 1, compounding twice a year.

The Vermont Legislature has repealed the law restricting deposits in any one savings bank to \$2000.00. This bank can now pay interest on individual deposits of any amount and all taxes will be paid by the bank. Nothing will be reported to the listers for taxation.

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Sunday Services.

Universalist—Rev. H. L. Canfield, pastor; morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 11.45.

Congregational—Rev. Benjamin Swift, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, Sunday school at 11.50. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7.30. Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7.30.

Methodist Episcopal—Rev. F. T. Clark, pastor. Services Sunday: Preaching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; Thursday prayer meeting, 7.30 p. m.; Sunday evening meeting, 7.00.

Catholic—Rev. H. J. Maillet, pastor. Mass at 11 a. m.; evening service at 7.30.

Services will be held the second and fourth Sunday of each month at Village hall, Quebec, at 9 o'clock, and at Barnard, at the town hall, on the second Sunday of each month at 9 o'clock.

St. James Church—Rev. R. LeBlanc Lynch, rector. Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 a. m. Holy Communion on first Sunday in the month after Morning Prayer. Sunday School at noon. Evening Prayer and sermon 5 p. m. All are welcome.

Christian—Pastor, Rev. E. R. Phillips. Services Sunday. Preaching at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 12; J. S. C. E. at 3 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 7.30 p. m.; mid-week prayer meeting at 7.30 p. m.

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Edward Davis, aged 14 years, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis, of Norton, was drowned July 6, while bathing. So great was the shock to the mother when she was informed of the accident, that for a time her life was despaired of.

The members of Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of Mystic Shrine, will hold a regular business session Friday evening, July 25, at Rutland. The annual outing of the Shriner's will take place Friday, August 8.